



# IDAHO CROP WEATHER



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## Early Sugarbeet Harvest Underway

### Agricultural Summary

Sugarbeet farmers began digging last week in Southcentral and Eastern Idaho. Growers in these areas are required to deliver a small percentage of their crop early. This early harvest allows the factories to begin slicing before the bulk of the crop is delivered. This year's scheduled delivery date for the early harvest was later than the past few years to allow the sugarbeets to gain size and sugar content. Record replanting this spring resulted in a late sugarbeet crop. For the week ending September 29, major agricultural activities included planting fall grains, harvesting potatoes, dry beans, onions, corn for silage, and apples.

### Field Crop Report

Dry weather during the past week provided good conditions for potato harvest. Spotty frost near Twin Falls concerned dry bean growers, but no damage to pods was reported. Hay producers in higher elevations were harvesting their last cutting of alfalfa and covering their hay stacks. Many irrigation companies were planning to cut off water soon. In Gooding County, all canal water is expected to be shut off during the next two weeks. In many areas, dryland farmers were wanting more rain while potato farmers were hoping the dry weather remains long enough to complete harvest.

### Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Cattle producers have begun to test cows for pregnancy and wean calves. Some cattle and sheep that have come down from the mountain ranges were grazing alfalfa fields.

### Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture was reported to be 24% very short, 45% short, and 31% adequate. Statewide, Idaho farmers had an average of 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

**Crop Progress Table**

Percentages	2002	2001	Avg.
Potatoes Vines Dying/Killed	97	96	93
Field Corn Harvested for Silage	58	59	58
Field Corn Harvested for Grain	0	3	4
Oats Harvested for Grain	93	81	93
Dry Beans Harvested	90	83	82
Onions Harvested	80	51	57
Apples Harvested	23	36	26
Peaches Harvested	98	91	95
Prunes and Plums	99	94	86

**Condition Table**

Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Potatoes	1	2	15	66	16
Irr. Water Supply	12	26	33	29	0
Range and Pasture	7	34	48	11	0

**Crop Progress District Table**

Crop	North			Southwest			South-Central			East			State		
	2002	2001	Avg	2002	2001	Avg	2002	2001	Avg	2002	2001	Avg	2002	2001	Avg
Potatoes															
Harvested . . . . .	NA	NA	NA	83	61	57	53	43	36	14	21	24	29	29	30
Sugarbeets															
Harvested . . . . .	NA	NA	NA	0	0	1	8	20	14	7	11	15	7	14	11
Winter Wheat															
Planted . . . . .	23	10	23	54	14	13	79	62	47	56	49	56	45	31	36
Emerged . . . . .	2	1	3	12	3	4	32	18	11	18	23	26	13	11	11
Alfalfa Hay															
3 <sup>rd</sup> Cutting Harvested	NA	NA	NA	100	100	98	100	98	98	75	83	75	90	84	86
4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting Harvested	NA	NA	NA	71	58	50	53	53	51	25	20	11	55	55	39

Avg (1997-2001); NA = Very Small Percentage of Acreage in District.

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## Weather Data For The Week Ending Sunday, September 29, 2002 <sup>1/</sup>

Station	Temperature <sup>2/</sup>				Growing Degree Days <sup>4/</sup>			Precipitation (Inches)				
	High	Low	Ave.	Dept. <sup>3/</sup>	40° Base	50° Base		Total	Dept <sup>3/</sup>	Month of September	March 1	
						To Date	Normal				To Date	Normal
<b>North</b>												
Coeur D'Alene	77	36	55	1	3514	1886	1810	0.00	-0.41	0.73	6.87	13.48
Grangeville 5/	82	39	--	--	3565	1950	1450	0.00	-0.40	0.92	11.00	15.35
Lewiston	82	41	59	-1	4532	2705	2690	0.11	-0.07	0.40	6.15	6.95
Sandpoint	74	33	53	1	3264	1654	1450	0.00	-0.45	0.26	11.16	14.30
<b>Southwest</b>												
Boise	81	43	61	2	4841	3000	2539	0.01	-0.16	0.40	2.64	5.93
Caldwell	79	37	59	0	4672	2820	2832	0.00	-0.14	0.18	1.15	4.99
Emmett	81	42	60	1	4523	2697	2523	0.00	-0.17	0.18	3.20	5.82
Mountain Home	84	36	60	2	4721	2939	2502	0.00	-0.14	0.09	2.27	4.94
Parma 5/	84	38	--	--	4698	2837	2383	0.00	-0.16	0.11	1.99	5.53
Weiser	84	40	64	7	5005	3117	2422	0.00	-0.11	0.26	2.67	4.90
<b>Southcentral</b>												
Buhl 5/	--	--	--	--	4112	2314	2067	0.00	-0.12	0.00	2.96	5.03
Burley	80	34	55	0	3824	2090	1960	0.02	-0.12	0.45	3.12	5.30
Hill City	78	25	52	1	3085	1613	1312	0.00	-0.15	0.22	3.01	5.79
Hagerman	85	32	--	--	4558	2716	2617	0.00	-0.10	0.28	2.07	4.55
Malta	84	34	58	3	3950	2191	1808	0.00	-0.14	0.24	3.76	5.99
Twin Falls	80	34	57	2	3864	2143	1858	0.00	-0.16	0.60	4.37	5.43
<b>East</b>												
Aberdeen 5/	80	28	--	--	3551	1913	1598	0.00	-0.16	0.69	3.74	5.62
Grace 5/	72	32	--	--	3497	1900	1406	0.00	-0.32	1.64	9.08	9.67
Idaho Falls	76	30	51	-1	3346	1740	1703	0.01	-0.20	1.14	4.20	6.57
Malad City	82	30	58	4	3913	2248	1858	0.00	-0.27	0.93	4.46	8.73
Pocatello	81	32	55	0	3814	2123	1955	0.24	0.03	1.05	4.65	6.98
Rexburg	74	30	52	0	3285	1718	1571	0.00	-0.24	1.37	3.52	8.26
Salmon	75	30	52	-2	3447	1813	1709	0.00	-0.15	0.27	1.94	6.95

1/ Weekly summary provided by the Western Regional Climate Center with data reported by the National Weather Service. When data is quality controlled by the National Climate Center the accumulated growing degree days and precipitation values are updated. 2/-- indicate missing or incomplete data. 3/ Departure from normal. 4/ Totals from March 1. Growing degree days are estimated from neighboring sites for stations with missing or incomplete data. 5/ Precipitation totals are only for days reports were received, no estimates were made for missing data.

## Daily High/Low Four Inch Soil Temperatures

Station	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday		Sunday		Average <sup>1/</sup>	
	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low
Buhl	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Emmett	75	64	76	65	--	--	76	67	75	65	73	65	--	--	75	65
Parma	63	60	61	60	--	--	61	60	61	60	--	--	--	--	62	60
Sandpoint	63	51	65	54	64	54	64	55	57	54	60	51	--	--	62	53
Twin Falls	65	50	67	53	66	54	62	50	62	50	58	48	--	--	63	51

1/ Averages are only for days reports were received. -- Missing or Incomplete Data.